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SUBJECT: PANAM CHARTERS APPROVED FOR MAY

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SUMMARY: APPARENTLY ACTING ON BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING
REACHED BETWEEN PANAM AND AEROFLOT IN NEW YORK, MINISTRY
OF CIVIL AVIATION (SAMORUKHOV) AUTHORIZED REMAINING 12
PANAM CHARTERS IN MAY. LOCAL PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE
INFORMED SAMORUKHOV THAT FOUR EXTRA SECTIONS FOR AEROFLOT
REQUESTED ON APRIL 29 WERE SIMILARLY APPROVED - A FACT
OF WHICH MINISTRY WAS PRESUMABLY AWARE IN ADVANCE. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPARTMENT CAN TELL US ABOUT PAN
AM - AEROFLOT DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK, WHICH APPEAR TO
HAVE RESOLVED CHARTER ISSUE FOR SUMMER OF 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. AT A MEETING MAY 5 WITH PAN AM REP DRAHORAD, MINISTRY
OF CIVIL AVIATION (SAMORUKHOV) ORALLY APPROVED THE REMAINING
12 PAN AM CHARTERS IN MAY. INITIALLY, SAMORUKHOV
HAD GIVEN APPROVAL ONLY THROUGH MAY 15 BUT WHEN DRAHORAD
POINTED OUT THAT 5 OF 7 REMAINING CHARTERS WERE FERRIES,
SAMORUKHOV APPROVED THE WHOLE PROGRAM. AT THE SAME TIME,
ON THE BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM PAN AM NEW YORK,

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DRAHORAD INFORMED THE MINISTRY THAT THE FOUR EXTRA SECTIONS
FOR AEROFLOT REQUESTED ON APRIL 29, REFTTEL, WERE APPROVED.
THE ONLY NEW CONCRETE SOVIET REQUEST WAS FOR ONE EXTRA
SECTION ON MAY 20, BUT SAMORUKHOV DID SAY HE HOPES PANAM
WOULD TAKE A POSITIVE VIEW SHOULD AEROFLOT HAVE ANY OTHER
REQUESTS.

2. DRAHORAD TOLD EMBOFF THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE MEETING WAS CASUAL AND FRIENDLY. HE WAS SURPRISED THE SOVIETS DID NOT SEEK MORE EXTRA SECTIONS. DRAHORAD FELT THE REQUEST FOR ONE ADDITIONAL SECTION WAS REASONABLE WHEN SAMORUKHOV EXPLAINED A LARGE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE LEAVING THAT DAY.

3. PAN AM HAS ONE CHARTER IN JUNE AND SAMORUKHOV HAS SAID THE APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED THEN.

4. COMMENT: OSTENSIBLY CHARTER PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE RESOLVED UNTIL THE FALL WHEN NEW PROGRAMS BEGIN. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT, IF ANY, ASSURANCES PANAM GAVE AEROFLOT IN NEW YORK ABOUT ADDITIONAL SECTIONS THIS SUMMER AND CANNOT THEREFORE ASSESS IMPACT THIS ISSUE MAY HAVE ON OUR BILATERAL CIVIL AIR RELATIONS. CAN DEPARTMENT SHED ANY LIGHT ON PAN AM NEW YORK - AEROFLOT DISCUSSIONS?
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